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## October 18, 2026 — Twenty-first Sunday aft. Pentecost

**Readings:** Isaiah 45:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22



Jesus says, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." The trouble is that we usually reverse them. We expect Caesar to save what only Christ can, while trying to offer God our good works instead of our sins. Render to Caesar your works. Christ bids us bring Him our guilt, our anger, and our failures. He forgives them by His cross, freeing us to

serve our neighbors without believing politics can redeem the world.

### DIVINE SERVICE

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

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#### HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

*LSB* 816 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Sermon Hymn:

*LSB* 575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Offering Hymn:

*LSB* 781 vv. 1–2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Distribution Hymn:

*LSB* 644 "The Church's One Foundation"

Closing Hymn:

*LSB* 684 "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

#### SERMON THEME AND TEXT "The Invitation"

Matthew 22:34–40 <sup>34</sup>But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup>And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup>And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

### IN OUR PRAYERS \*\*

#### FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

**TRINITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:** Pam Hallman, Deb Pope, Marlene Henthorn, Florence Meier, Marcella Thompson, Linda Smith, and Barb Gilbertz. Reiko Pope, Brian Ruden, and Earl Tripp.

**ST. PAUL'S MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:** Cathy Albrecht, Chris Heismeyer, Kendra Will, Bernice Kollman, Marv Jira, and Carol Schaeffer. Deb Marette, Lynn Anderson, Tina Gerlach, Lenora Hoffman, Rocky Hauge, and David. Jason Alberts, Mary Milbrandt, Darryn, Jane, Nadine Larson, Keith Wallin, Zoe Jones, and Wendy Ramberg.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND CONDOLENCES** to Marsha Hauge and family (SP) at the death of Rocky Hauge. May God bless Rocky's family and friends with the hope of the resurrection on the last day.

**TRINITY BIRTHDAYS:** Sawyer Swindell 10/18; Connie Knigge 10/20; Michelle Everson 10/20; Terri Thompson 10/21; Dan Guericke 10/22

**TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES:** Wayne & Susan Tatro 10/20; Michael & Barbara Gilbertz 10/22

**ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAY:** Tyson Huff 10/20

**ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARY:** Dan & Tina Gerlach 10/22

\*\*Please contact Nancy at [trinitywlsd@gmail.com](mailto:trinitywlsd@gmail.com) or 605-249-2570 for any updates to this bulletin prayer list. Thank you.

### LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT



The Lord provides laborers in His harvest field. We pray for our pastor and for more pastors in the Church of Christ (Luke 10). We, the harvest, will receive the crown of righteousness on the Last Day. There will be suffering between now and then, but we endure knowing that God provides (2 Timothy 4). The Lord turns everything on its head and provides for His people healing, restoration, life today, and life everlasting (Isaiah 35). • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank You.** I would like to thank everybody who donated money, time, and prayers for me to get my new prosthetic leg. I am overwhelmed by the generosity shown to me from Platte, Geddes, Kimball, White Lake, and surrounding communities. Words cannot express how appreciative I am of all of you. Blessings to all. *Lee Hanten*

In honor of **Pastor Appreciation Month**, St. Paul's will be having coffee and rolls before church at 9:45 a.m. next Sunday, October 25, 2026.

Carol Schaeffer is currently living with her daughter for the winter months. If you would like to send her a card, her mailing address is 407 Main St, Cresbard, SD 57435.

## 2026-10-18 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR AND INFORMATION

|              |            |                              |
|--------------|------------|------------------------------|
| Sun. Oct. 18 | 8:30 a.m.  | Divine Service at Trinity    |
|              | 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School at St. Paul's  |
|              | 10:30 a.m. | Divine Service at St. Paul's |
| Mon. Oct. 19 | 7 p.m.     | Catechism Class, St. Paul's  |
| Wed. Oct. 21 | 2:15 p.m.  | Trinity Release-Time         |
|              | 5:30 p.m.  | Joint Bible Class at Trinity |
|              | 6:30 p.m.  | Wednesday School at Trinity  |
|              |            | Catechism Class, Trinity     |

#### OCTOBER 2026

**Elders:** TR: Scott Meier SP: Curt Guindon  
**Ushers:** TR: Dan M., Dean S. SP: Dan G., Mike T.  
**Acolytes:** TR: Britton Bogenhagen SP: Addisyn Everson  
**Altar:** TR: Barb Gilbertz SP: Marlene Johnson  
**Greeters:** 10/18 Rod & Kelli W.; 10/25 Kieth & Cathy Albrecht

**October 11 Attendance and Offering:** SP: 21, \$1339; TR: 29, \$495

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes. We do this because as members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod we take very seriously the advice of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:28–29, *A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

**Self-Examination.** 1. Do I believe that I am a sinner? 2. Do I believe and trust in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, from sin, death, and the power of the devil? 3. Do I believe that I receive forgiveness for all of my sins through Christ's true body and blood, present in the Sacrament? (Real presence of Christ's body.) 4. Do I promise to amend (or change) my sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit?

If you have so examined yourself and are in full agreement with us, and have been instructed, you are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. If you desire to learn more about these beliefs or are interested in learning how to become a member, please talk to Pastor McKillop or one of the elders. Thank you.